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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Hauser, et al.)	
Serial No.:	10/664,633)	Examiner: Lum Vannucci, L.
Filed:	September 9, 2003)	Group Art Unit: 3611
Title:	Valve For A Hydraulic Drive Apparatus)	No.: 36400.68US1

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE (37 C.F.R. §1.97(c))

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Respectfully submitted,

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		Filing Date	September 9, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Raymond Hauser
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
0 - 20 or HP = 0	x 0	= 0	= 0		50	25

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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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